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NEWSLETTER November 2009

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IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

If you have not already paid your membership subscription for next year, you **MUST** come to our "Open" Meeting at the Parador on Wednesday 25th January to renew your membership.
Full details inside this Newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

First I would like to thank everyone that has sent me messages of condolence following the recent death of my mother. Her passing whilst sudden was not unexpected as she had been ill for some while. Following our break in December for the Christmas period our *January meeting* will be an open meeting to allow **ALL** members full and associate to come to the Parador to pay their annual fees and meet some of our Group Leaders. Please note all fees must be paid no later than the end of February failure to do so will result in membership lapsing.

The Committee as usual has been working hard in the background to ensure the continued success of the Society; at the January meeting we shall be displaying the *revised Statutes and Committee Structure*. There will be a comment box nearby for you to have your say regarding the changes. We still need a *Group's Coordinator*, to replace Elizabeth when she steps down this month, as from December there will be no one to coordinate Group activities. The Committee recognising the amount of effort Elizabeth has put into the role, has worked with her to break the role down to more manageable levels so instead of one Group's Coordinator and a Deputy there will be five people supporting the groups. Should you be interested in finding out more please contact me or come along to the Parador where copies of the Job Descriptions will be displayed. The role should now take up only a few hours a week.

It is very disappointing that with over a 1000 members only one person has expressed an interest in the role but is unable to take it on due to personal commitments for next year. **If the Society is to continue running smoothly only one person is needed to come forward to volunteer to take on this role – is it you?**

This year the Committee have adopted two *charities* - the Alzheimer's Centre and Xabia Bella, a home for those with learning disabilities. To raise funds the February Ball Committee are selling raffle tickets to all members to raise donations for the Alzheimer's Centre.

To *raise funds* for Xabia Bella this month we are asking members to volunteer host an event in their home during January and February, for example a Safari Supper, dinner or lunch party, a card playing (or similar e.g. bridge) afternoon, a high tea, etc the possibilities are endless. This means no matter
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where you live you can invite friends to participate from 2 to 200+ (if you have the space). I shall be looking for volunteers at the November meeting or if you cannot make the meeting please email me at president@u3ajavea.org for more information. Hostess expenses are to be taken out of the money paid by the guests and the profit will be donated to the charity.

Finally this month is our last meeting for this year and we once again welcome the very popular *Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir* who will be inviting us to sing along to some seasonal songs. There is also going to be a fun event – not to be missed. Hope you can make it. If not, the Committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Shirley King

*****MEMBERSHIP*****

All Memberships are due for Renewal at the January Parador Meeting

This is a reminder to ALL members that if you wish to continue your membership with Jávea U3A, you MUST come to the Parador on Wednesday 25th January to renew your membership. The fee for everyone is €12 which will continue your membership to 31 December 2010. Please have the **exact cash** ready in order to reduce waiting time. If you are unable to attend in January, it is important that a friend attend to pay your subscription. No reminders will be sent to those who do not pay. For those new members who joined in either September or October, it is quite possible that you have already paid for next year. If you paid more than €12 your membership is fully paid for next year. If you paid less than €12 then you will need to attend if you wish to continue your membership. If in doubt, please email me at www.javeau3amembership@gmail.com.

There will be no General Meeting but, as last year, the session will take the form of an "Open Meeting". All members can attend any time between 10.00am to 12.30pm to meet the various Group Leaders – and to pay your subscriptions. There will be **six** tables set up as follows:

Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Table 5	Table 6
New Associate Members Only	Members A - C	Members D - G	Members H - L	Members M - R	Members S - Z

The Committee invited Associate members to a meeting in the Social Centre during November to allow them the opportunity to meet some members of the Committee and Group Leaders. The Roles of the Committee were outlined and the Group Leaders present gave a brief description of their activities. During the Questions and Answers session, issues were raised by the Associates for consideration by the Committee. In addition there were three suggestions submitted in the box provided for this purpose. Several Associates remarked to me how much they enjoyed the meeting and what a good idea it had been! I thank all who attended for making this a worthwhile and useful meeting.

The total number of members as at 18 November 2009 is 1020 – represented by 727 Full Members and 293 Associate Members. Any changes to details should be notified to Wilma Stevenson at the above email address.

Wilma Stevenson

U3A DONATION TO THE COSTA BLANCA SAMARITANS

On the 31st October, a sell-out production of Jerry Lane's *The Wireless Years*, starring Chris Allen and Barry Britten, was presented at the Espai La Senieta, Moraira, exclusively for members of Jávea U3A and Moraira-Teulada U3A. The production raised 1190.65€ from the sale of tickets and the raffle, in aid of the CBS, and Angela Chantry, Cultural Arts Coordinator for both U3As, and Ann Colclough, President of the Moraira-Teulada U3A, were delighted to meet with Steve Ashley, President of the Costa Blanca Samaritans, on Saturday 14th November to give him the joint donation.

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Steve brought a Certificate of Appreciation for the two U3As from the CBS, and he was given a certificate showing the amount of the donation and how it was raised (please see the pictures on the website, kindly taken by Tom Miller). Thank you to all our members who gave their generous support to this event. **Angela Chantry**

FREE "INTRODUCTION TO BOWLS" DAY

U3A Members and Associate Members at Javea and Teulada/Moraira are invited to the Benitachell Bowls Club for a gentle introduction to the game of bowling. No equipment is necessary except that shoes must be flat without a heel, or you can play in socks! The club house will be open for drinks and snacks. The date is yet to be finalised, but some time in January. Contact **Organiser: Pat Wykes Johnson** for more information.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE TRAVEL TEAM AND CULTURAL ARTS COORDINATOR – we now have a **MAIL BOX** where payments for Travel trips and Cultural Arts events can be handed in. Further details can be found in the Travel Section of the Newsletter, or come and talk to us in the Travel Room, on the right as you enter the Parador, just beyond the gift shop. **Angela Chantry**

The Imsero Holiday Programme

This programme is sponsored by the Spanish Government, and it costs nothing to apply. Once accepted, you receive an accreditation letter automatically at the end of September, and do not need to re-apply. You take the letter to an affiliated travel agency, and can make bookings for up to 3 holidays in any one season (the season running from October through to April/May - which takes advantage of the off-peak rates available in hotels). At the time of booking, you pay 11 euros pp, and the rest of the payment is required by bank transfer 45 days prior to travel. However, not everyone takes up their options, for various reasons, and there are usually vacancies in the less popular areas, so it is still worthwhile getting into the system now. Applications will be accepted up until December. A second person travelling with you can be a family member or friend - in other words, they do not have to fulfill the requirements of age and fiscal residency here in Spain. If friends wish to go on holiday together (or a larger group), it would of course be necessary to wait until everyone has their code number, then present themselves together at the affiliated travel agent to try and book on the same trip. Holidays are of 8 days duration and longer, and are at attractive prices. If you would like further details and a copy of the application form (with an example in English), please email angelachantry@gmail.com.

I will have a limited number of hard copies available at the meeting, for those who do not have email. **Angela Chantry.**

VALENTINE'S BALL – Friday 12th February, 2010, at Salones Carrasco in Javea (35€)

The evening will commence with a cava reception between 7.30-8.15 p.m., followed by a 4-course dinner: please see the website for full details of the menu (choice of duck, salmon, or vegetarian). Music for dancing will be provided by Paulette and John Curtis. During the evening there will be a free raffle, drawn from ticket numbers. Dress: smart / evening wear. We are also selling tickets for a separate raffle in aid of the proposed Day Centre at the Convent de Marta y Maria in Javea Old Town, which will care for those suffering from Alzheimer's. Tickets are in one colour only and priced at just 1€ each, and they will also be available for purchase at the meetings of several of the individual Groups.

Members of all other local U3As have been invited to join us, and members' guests are also welcome (40€ for non-U3A members, the additional monies being added to our charity donation). So come and see Karen who will be at the ticket sales desk located in the foyer outside the main hall, and Marie and Angela who will be manning a desk in the Travel Room. Angela will take bookings for any individual

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members who may like to join the Solos Social Group table, and will also take reservations for tables (seating from 8 up to 20) from any members who would like to make up a group together – it will save time if you email your table request with names and menu choices to Angela in advance, and your tickets will then be ready in an envelope for you to collect at the meeting in exchange for your payment - angelachantry@gmail.com.

“CARE & SHARE” TEAM:

We will be very pleased to hear from any member who would like to be involved and can offer assistance in any of the following areas:

- Transport
- Spanish translation
- General maintenance

Please email: caresharepat@u3ajavea.org or careshareangela@u3ajavea.org. Do get in touch with us if you would like to know more about the “Care & Share” Team. **Angela Chantry**

TUESDAY LECTURE PROGRAMME 2009 - 2010

December 1st

The title this month is “*It’s in your Genes*”. I will be talking about the following topics in this Lecture - Inheritance as studied by Gregor Mendel in the 1860’s, which has provided the scientific background to most plant and animal breeding, chromosomes, cells and cell division, what is the purpose of sex, genes, DNA and RNA, viruses, DNA fingerprinting, blood groups, Down’s syndrome, egg development, stem cells, Dolly the sheep, genetic engineering and where these development may lead in the future.

The lecture starts at 10.30 and concludes at 1230 with a 30 minute break for coffee at 1115 approximately. We will be in the Case de Cultura lecture theatre in Javea Pueblo.

Just come along. No reservation necessary. **Organiser: Alan Oliver**

NEW GROUPS INFORMATION – *Elizabeth Collins, Groups Co-ordinator*

New: Tai Chi - One of our members would like to know who else would be interested in attending a Tai Chi Group. We do not as yet have a leader, but would like to hear from anyone who might be able to teach or lead Tai Chi. If joining others in Tai Chi interests you, please contact Eileen Gillan so that we can judge how many of us there might be. gillaneileen@gmail.com.

New: W Somerset Maugham - Sylvia Cresswell is willing to lead a discussion group on the life and work of W. Somerset Maugham. So far 3 people have contacted her to express an interest. This is not enough for her to start a group. Please contact Sylvia if you wish to participate. There will be six sessions, one per month, each devoted to a nominated book. A DVD of the film based on the book may be shown at some of the sessions. It is hoped to use an early evening slot, say 5pm – 7pm. I hope that a room with facilities for DVDs will be available. Anyone interested please email Sylvia on sylvia_hugo@yahoo.co.uk or phone 96 579 2316.

Meditation: We are sorry to be losing the Meditation and mental Wellbeing group and thank Piera for being a wonderful leader over the past years.

Snooker: Welcome to Larry Sherrington as the new Group leader of Snooker on Fridays. Thanks to Steve Collins for starting and leading this group for the last few years.

Groups Team We have a new Deputy Groups Coordinator, Groups Assistant and Meetings Assistant, **but still need a Groups Coordinator** to sit on the Committee, and a **Spanish Liaison Assistant**. The whole group of 5 will be announced when all arrangements are in place.

In the meantime, Group Leaders will contact Jenny Wessendorff and Krystyna Stefanczyk with information for the monthly contact lists and diaries and Jean Miller for details of Book and DVD

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swap and Notice board at Parador. If any member has a query about starting a new group, then they should contact the President, Shirley King until further notice.

My email address: elizabethgroupscoordinator@gmail.com will cease to function from 30th November 2009.

ONGOING GROUPS

BACKGAMMON: This group has now abandoned the Marples Café (its reduced winter hours not being convenient) and is being held at various members homes. If you would care to join then please use backgammon@u3ajavea.org to contact the group. **Organiser: Bob Denton**

BOOK CLUB: We meet at members' homes on the third Monday of each month from 3-5pm. We do have a waiting list, but if you are interested in joining the Book Club or would like more information, please contact Pru Hughes at pru.bookclub@gmail.com.

There will be no meeting in December. The books for January & February 2010 are as follows:

The Virgin Blue by Tracy Chevalier

Toast by Nigel Slater

Organiser: Pru Hughes

COMPUTER GROUPS

PRACTICAL COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE: I'm pleased to advise that four new members joined the group at the November meeting, bringing our numbers back up to the full complement.

Organiser: Tom Stevenson

COMPUTER SUPPORT GROUP: New Venue from December, the group will meet in the **Cornish Pride Restaurant**, Arenal. **Organiser: Malcolm Neill.**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) PARTNERS GROUP: We are now able to offer help with Windows, Microsoft Office applications, genealogy, setting up of email accounts, web site creation, organising photographs, design and construction of databases and Internet searches. If you would like support in these areas of software or if you would like to offer support for other software please contact **Organiser: Dodie Hodgkinson** on IT.Partners@u3ajavea.org. See the web site for a proforma for submitting information.

PC RE-BUILD EXERCISE: There is a possibility that I can repeat this exercise, where we take an old PC and upgrade it using modern components, in the early part of 2010. Expressions of interest, or requests for more details, to me. Please either send me an email or give me a call (see Contact List for details). **Organiser: Tom Stevenson**

USING YOUR COMPUTER: I'm now planning the next eight week course for beginners, which I expect to take place over January and February 2010. For further details please either send me an email or give me a call (see Contact List for details). **Organiser: Tom Stevenson**

CULTURAL ARTS:

PLEASE NOTE!! In future you are kindly requested to arrive at the CA desk with an envelope containing the correct payment and with your name and the name of the concert/s which you wish to attend printed on the outside of the envelope. This will help to reduce queuing time for those members who do come prepared! As an additional service to members, the Travel Team & Cultural Arts Coordinator have obtained a **Mail Box** at **Total Postal in Javea Port**, where it will now be possible for you to hand in an envelope containing your booking request/s and payment. A form for this purpose has been created and must accompany your payment (notes or cheques only, no COINS). It can be printed off from the Cultural Arts page on the website, or collect one from Angela Chantry in the Travel Room. Full details are included on the form.

Tuesday 1st December: "Wait until dark" (runs from Nov 30th to Dec 5th inc.)

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An entertaining and suspenseful thriller, to be performed by the Javea Players at the Union Musical Theatre, Gata, at 20.00 hrs. There will be free parking available at the end of the street. This is a charity production – for every ticket sold the Javea Players will donate 1€ to buy sensory equipment for Ryan, a severely handicapped child who lives in Javea. Price: 8€ for U3A group – collect your ticket/s from Angela at the meeting in the Parador, or at 7.30 p.m. in the foyer on the night.

Sunday 6th December: Coral Clásica Jáviense's "Christmas Concert"

The Choir will perform Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria" and music for Christmas, directed by Jo Baldwin, organ: Josep Giner. Venue: the Iglesia de la Santa Cruz, Pedreguer, commencing at 17.00 hrs. Tickets: 12 euros, available from Angela.

Saturday 12th December: Montgö Chorale and The Deutscher Chor Teulada

The choirs will sing carols with an international flavour. They are directed by Gordon Lawson and are delighted to be joined by the strings of *The Orchestra of the Marina Alta*. Venue: Iglesia San Antonio, (Plaza Convento), Denia, starting at 5.30 pm. Admission is by programme - €10 – available from Angela at the meeting, at the door on the evening, or in advance at Humpty Dumpty.

Sunday 20th December: "Sleeping Beauty"

The Ballet de Moscu will perform "*La Bella Durmiente de Tchaikovsky*" at the L'Auditori de la Mediterrània in La Nucia, commencing at 20.00 hrs. Ticket price: 25 euros + 10 euros pp for the coach. The coach will leave Rrafalet at 18.15 hrs and make a second pick-up outside Llidl's on the main road through Benissa N332 (Avda. Europa), and then travel on to La Nucia. Full payment required as soon as possible (best seats available will be booked on receipt of payment **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY: The subject for the November meeting of the digital photography group will be the use of the tools in Adobe Photoshop Elements demonstrated by Tom Birch. Nigel Bentley will be leading the group on a trip to the Pego marshes on Wednesday 10th December to photograph wild birds. The normal end of month meeting of the group will not take place in December and the next meeting will be 27th January 2010 to review the pictures taken at Pego marshes.

The group currently consists of around twenty and we still have room for more members. If anyone is interested in coming along to find out what we do, please contact Tom Miller at digitomingata@yahoo.co.uk. We meet at the Javea social club on the last Tuesday of each month 1.45 to 3.45pm. **Organiser: Tom Miller**

DINE AND DANCE: The dinner dance at the Golf Club on 5th December is now full, and we look forward to a great evening. On January 30th we will go to Venta de Posa, for a very Spanish dinner dance. Price approx. 25 euros. Contact **Organiser: Pat Wykes Johnson**.

DINING OUT: Our next Dining Out Event will take place at Restaurant L'echalote In Costa Nova on Thursday 10th December. **Organiser: Peter Speer**

FACETS OF FASHION: This group was originally formed as a 'mini-series' about changing fashions over the years on both dress and home furnishings. Over this past year we have covered several topics of interest, many suggested by group members. However, the time for our last meeting in the current series has now arrived and it will be held on at 2.30 pm Tuesday 24th November at the Parador hotel. The topic will be 'Charles Rennie Mackintosh and the Art Deco Movement 1920-40'. If you haven't previously been able to join us, and are interested in exploring the different facets of fashion then I hope you will be able to participate in this last meeting in the current series. **Organiser: Vivienne Sullivan**

FAMILY HISTORY: An incredible last meeting when Peter Whitehead coordinated a visual presentation on "What our ancestors did in the war". Members brought along lots of family stories, photos and memorabilia from military badges to letters home from the trenches. Also some sad stories of ancestors that did not make it home.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th December at the earlier time of 1pm at our usual excellent venue of the Social Centre where we will have a Menu del Dia and think about Christmas's Past. **Organiser: James Hodgkinson**

FOLK MUSIC: The next meeting of the group will again be held at No 144 Les Fonts on Wednesday 25 November gathering at 7.30 for 8.00pm start, and concluding at around 10.00 pm. Please let me know if you are able and would like to come to this session of the Group as soon as possible, either on 96-649-3959 or by E Mail to folk.music@u3ajavea.org. Should anyone require directions on where to find No 144 Les Fonts, again let me know, and I will send details of how best to approach through Benitachell and find us in the Les Fonts Urbanisation below the village. Further details about the group and its activities can be found on the Javea U3A web site. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible on the 25th November. **Organiser: Paul Wessendorff**

FOODIES GROUP: On Thursday 19th November the sun shone on a keen band of Foodies who broke into smaller groups with leaders fluent in Spanish to peruse the outdoor market in the Old Town. A good time was had by all and culminated in meeting for coffee in the nearby Social centre where we exchanged information and discussed purchases. More information in the group minutes. Our next meeting will take place at 10.30 am on Thursday 19th December at the Javea Tennis Club. The topic is "Seasonal foods, foods in season and how to celebrate the festive season without spending a fortune"! So come along and share your ideas, recipes, tips, and if you wish bring samples.
Organiser: Barbara Craven

LET'S TALK JAVEA: Some stalwarts did make it to our session on Wednesday 18th, though many apologised for absence. Whether or not one can make it to talk, the issues are still there and need to be aired.

We started on the need (or not!) to renew on the padrón and censo. There is clearly a need, but for whom does it apply? If you have received an official letter, then do go along. If you have been receiving post anyway, the system reckons that there is no need to do so just yet and a letter will come to you at some time in the future. IF you are uncertain, best to go along any way!!

We then moved onto a summary of items discussed and approved at the Agenda 21 foro on the previous evening.

Photos from a competition to show 'Sustainable Javea' had been shown. The competition will be repeated in 2010, but in a format that will be more 'open' for local participants.

The A21 PUXS (Para Una abia Sostenible) group that had initiated the introduction of environmentally friendly jute shopping bags in Javea would be getting a grant in 2010 for further 'green' initiatives. Private loans had been used to start the bags rolling into Javea, but it was hoped a Town Hall grant would emerge from the system before the year end to allow such loans to be paid off. A competition in Javea schools for nine year olds to design a picture/message for a jute shopping bag is being planned for January, with local sponsors being lined up. More on that early in 2010.

The recreation area within Javea Park (behind Humpty Dumpty) is in full swing and much used by a very mixed international range of young sports enthusiasts. Eleven year old Max came along to explain how much it would help to have some lighting for the area to allow more extended use during winter months. Funds for that too were promised.

For those living in apartments, the idea for allotments has been in the air, now likely to emerge along parts of the Southern end of the central reservation of the Avenida Augusta! Funds were allocated for infrastructure. Water saving and low energy lighting were other projects mooted. Let's see next year!

Organiser: Tim Ladd

MAHJONG GROUP: Due to the closure of the Artisano Cafe the Mahjong Group will be meeting with immediate effect at their new venue: Parador Javea, at 3 o'clock - Tuesday afternoons.

Organiser: Kay Thomas

MEDITATION AND MENTAL WELL BEING.

All good things come to an end..... After nearly five years I have to stop leading this group for the U3A. Thank you to all the lovely people who have joined the group over the years. I hope I have improved your lives a bit. You have certainly enriched mine. Our goals have been: mental balance, solidarity, compassion, serenity and a sense of humour. I am sure you will continue to carry these values in your heart..... Good life! Piera.

PAINTING FLOWERS IN WATER COLOUR: The first Flower Painting group has been very successful and is due to finish in December. A new eight week course will be starting in the New Year – dates to be confirmed. Members on the waiting list will be contacted shortly with a start date and materials needed. **Organiser: Carol Whitehead**

QUIZ NIGHT: Dec 3rd. There are no more places left for this event. Sorry! **Organisers: Jeni and Stan Oldfield**

RUMMIKUBS: *Change Of Venue*, – Rummikubs will be held at Acuarela Lounge Bar on the Arenal Beach, Paseo de la Playa del Arenal, blq. 4, Javea (near the roundabout with the Newsagent) at 3.00pm every Wednesday. **Organiser: Krystyna Stefanczyk**

SAILING: Having now returned from the UK I was eager to get to grips with the 25ft Dehler loaned to me by a friend for a year. So on Sunday with a stiff breeze I set off from Moraira to shake the cobwebs from the sails and put her through her paces. The engine had started first turn so hopes were high; however after a brisk sail for 30 minutes the main sheet traveller exploded as did a shackle rendering the boat with no main sheet control. The sails were easily rolled away and we motored back to harbour. On further inspection the boat is suffering from 3years of total neglect and lack of use, few of the instruments work, window catches are rusted beyond repair and those are just the bits you can see!. Then there is the nonexistent documentation for the craft and being caught out without the right papers can get your boat impounded and fined. Also with no history of the rigging etc. I will now be nervous to commit myself and others to the risk of failure of any of the boats major equipment. I could take the attitude that the boat is only going to be used for local light sailing; however I have been sailing long enough to know that you take the same attitude to safety on a trip round the bay as you do an Atlantic crossing. I am reporting this back to the owner as he is intending to have the boat sailed back to the UK in June 2010. It needs some serious TLC before attempting any voyage especially as it will encounter the Bay of Biscay on the way.

A few members got a taste of real speed sailing earlier in the year on my Hobie Catamaran but without a place now to easily launch and retrieve, where do I go from here? The Lazer is still in my possession and obviously has the same launching problem. The port slipway is still blocked by concrete blocks by the ‘powers to be’ and with no news of what is going to happen in the future.

In over 40 years on the water I do not know a better place than Javea and the area in general for round the year sailing, however it is also the least utilized and most difficult place to get on the water I have ever encountered with small sailing craft. Motor boats and jet skis no problem but small environmentally friendly sailing boats are NOT WANTED. Does anyone out there have any information or suggestions, or shall we just join the knitting club and forget the Sailing? Looks like Richard Jones is currently are only man on the water. **Organiser: Gordon Edwards**

SATCINE – The Social Saturday Cine Group - We now have just over 100 members who have expressed an interest in our Saturday social evening. As you will know we meet in The Javea Players Studio once a month, 7.30 for 8pm. With only 45 seats available getting a seat should be a lottery but as yet it has not worked out that way. On our first two evenings we have had just over 40 seats taken. To remind you, the system works like this; two weeks before the show an email is sent to all members with details of the next show. The first 45 emailed replies to satcine@gmail.com will get a seat. Remember our shows contain no violence, are thought provoking with a feel good ending. Details will be sent out on Saturday morning 26th November for Saturday 12th December. If you are interested please let me know on satcine@gmail.com. Should you wish to have your name removed, please also let me know. **Organiser: John Chun**

SOLO ON SUNDAYS: An extremely pleasant Lunch was held at the Basilico on the 8th November, food, wine and company were excellent! As mentioned in last month’s Newsletter, the next Solo on Sundays event will now be in the New Year. So, have a great Christmas and see you in January!
Organiser: Marion Monsell

SOLOS SOCIAL GROUP:

Wednesday 25th November: 16 members will be meeting up to enjoy the lunch at L'Hort Restaurant.

Saturday 5th December: There will be a Solos table for the Christmas Dinner Dance at the Javea Golf Club, with dancing to Paulette; 33 euros.

Wednesday 9th December: Dine & dance at Casa de Beni-Asia in Benitachell, with music provided by Matthew Curtis. 3-course menu with all wine included, 18 euros.

Monday 14th December: an evening of dining and dancing at the BBC Christmas Party, at Restaurant El Andaluz, on the Benitachell to Moraira road. 3-course meal with ½ bottle wine pp, price: 23 euros. 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m..

Friday 25th December: Come and join the fun at the Christmas Day lunch being held at Restaurant El Andaluz, with music for dancing by *Duo Romance*. Extensive menu, 43 euros (inc. tip).

Saturday 26th December: walk off all the calories on our 2-hour Boxing Day walk! Meet at the Sales Office up at Cumbre del Sol at 09.50 hrs.

Saturday 23rd January: Keith's birthday bash! An evening of dining & dancing.

Friday 12th February: join our Solos table at the St. Valentine's Ball being held at Carrasco, Javea, with music for dancing by *Paulette* and *John Curtis*; 35 euros.

If you would like to join us and receive regular updates of our activities, email Angela or ask today for a copy of our winter programme. **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

SPANISH:

Spanish for beginners: This class meets from 10.00 – 11.00am on most Thursdays at the Social Centre, starting on 29 October.

Continuation Spanish: This class takes place at the Centro Social on most Thursdays from 11.15 – 12.15am. **Organiser: Heidi Hancock**

SNOOKER: Following upon the closure of Snooker Group 2, for lack of support, there is now only one Snooker group which meets at 11.30 every Friday at Jaspers in Cabo de la Nao. There may be one or two vacancies in the Group so please contact the Group Leader if you are interested in joining. Some experience of playing snooker in pairs is required, and we cannot accommodate beginners, at present. **New Organiser: Larry Sherrington**

TRAVELLERS' TALES GROUP:

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8th December, and this is our Christmas get-together at Las Brisas Restaurant on the Javea to Jesus Pobre road, when John & Ann Boot will give a presentation on "A drive from Florida to Vermont, and back". Please arrive at the restaurant at 11.30 a.m. (drinks available to purchase from the bar), for a 12 p.m. start. The "Christmas Cracker Menu" will follow at around 1.15 p.m. – 12.50€ (3 courses + a glass of wine/beer/or water, and tip). **Payment will be collected at the meeting in the Parador.** Please take a look at the TT page on the website to see our very varied programme of talks for next year, to be held in the Javea Players' Studio, which is in the road behind Book World España. **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

WALKING GROUPS

If you are thinking of going to the Valentine's Ball and would like some company then why not join Clive and I on the friendly "walkers table", whether you are currently a walker or not. If you are interested then email me on karen.l.boddy@gmail.com or come and talk to me either at the Parador or on one of my walks. **Karen White**

MOUNTAIN WALKING GROUP: Organiser: Al Knight's schedule for the monthly walk, meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 9.30am at the Tourist Office car park in Benitachell is as follows:

3 rd December	Castell de Castells	4 hours	10km	300m ascent
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WINE APPRECIATION:

Lunchtime and Evening Wine Appreciation Groups: The Christmas Lunch at La Cocina at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 2nd December is now fully booked. There are no meetings in December or January. Details of the meetings for February 2010 will be sent out early in the New Year. **Organiser: Steve Collins**

November 2009

***** **FOR ALL OTHER GROUPS**, please contact the relevant **group leader**, or visit the website at www.u3ajavea.org *****

TRAVEL 2009

The **Travel Team and Cultural Arts Coordinator** have found it increasingly difficult to collect payment for travel trips and Cultural Arts events, and would like to remind everyone that the onus is upon you to pay at the time requested – not upon us to be continually chasing! As an additional service to members, we have obtained a **Mail Box at Total Postal in Javea Port**, where it will now be possible for you to hand in an envelope containing your booking request/s and payment. A form for this purpose has been created and must accompany your payment (notes or cheques only, no COINS). It can be printed off from our Travel Page on the website, or come and collect one from any of the Travel Organisers – full details are included on the form.

Please see the Travel Section on the website for our programme of day trips and excursions being planned for 2010 – a copy will be available to view in the Travel Room.

Xativa-would those few people who have not yet collected their refunds please come & see me in the Travel room at the Parador meeting on Wednesday. **Organiser: John Price**

Wednesday 25th November – Social lunch at 1.00 pm following the monthly meeting, at Restaurante L'Hort, Javea. Please collect your menus and lucky raffle tickets before today's meeting or at the restaurant. PLEASE NOTE the price you have paid includes half a bottle of wine per person, and water, to be served with the meal. Any drinks over and above this must be paid for at the time of ordering. **Organiser: Mike Frost**

Saturday 5th December – *Christmas Dinner Dance*. This event is now full. Any queries contact **Organiser: Pat Wykes Johnson**

Friday 25th December - Christmas Day Lunch at Restaurante El Andaluz

Come and join the fun at our Christmas Day Lunch at Restaurante El Andaluz, which is on the Benitachell to Moraira road. The menu is extensive, including a welcome cocktail, tapas, canapés, smoked salmon, soup, sorbet, traditional roast turkey with all the trimmings, Christmas pudding with brandy custard, mince pie, petit fours, & coffee, with a bottle of wine between two + water. Dancing to *Duo Romance*. Price: 43 euros (inc. tip) to be paid in November to **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

And to burn off all those calories!

Saturday 26th December: Boxing Day Walk

A two-hour walk up at Cumbre del Sol, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – meet by the Sales Office which is just outside the entrance to Cumbre del Sol at 9.55 a.m. Please email and let me know if you are joining us. **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

January 2010, date TBA – *A coach trip to Cheste*, near Valencia, to watch the Formula 1 testing (subject to testing actually taking place). To add your name to the list, e-mail, travel.mf@u3ajavea.org. **Organiser Mike Frost**

Friday 29th January: Day trip to Alicante

An opportunity to hunt for a bargain in the January sales, and to buy that special dress for the St. Valentine's Ball (ladies of course!). Leave Rafalet at 9 a.m., and depart from Alicante at 3.30 p.m. This trip is being offered at the special sales price of *5 euros!* **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

Wednesday to Friday 15th to 17th February –2 nights bed and breakfast, 4* hotel, in the Capital of Carnival, Aguilas, to see the annual carnival procession. This trip is now fully booked with a waiting list. To add your name to the waiting list, send an e-mail to travel.mf@u3ajavea.org. Balance of payment will be collected at the January meeting, and an itinerary will be issued at this time. Total price of this trip is 130€ per person. **Organiser: Mike Frost**

Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th February: 2 day Walking Trip

Casa Carrascal, in Parcent, are offering a short break with 2 days guided walking, which includes 2 nights free accommodation, and pay for meals only - **60 euros pp** based on two sharing (2 x breakfasts, 2 x packed lunches, 2 x 4-course dinners with half bottle of wine p.p., and two 4-5 hour guided walks, moderate level with no serious incline). The maximum group size is 10 persons - and we would have sole use of the hotel for this trip. Arrive 10.30 a.m. on the Monday and depart after breakfast on the Wednesday. Booking and deposit of **30 euros pp** at the November meeting to **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

Wednesday 24th March: Valencia

Coach to Valencia, followed by Tourist bus around the city, lunch (not included), and a guided walking tour of the old city before return back to Javea. Approximate cost € 25 (depending on numbers). Please provide expressions of interest to me either at the Parador or via my email address on the Travel section of the website. **Organiser: John Price**

20-22nd April: Delta del Ebro

Coach to Peniscola (4 star accommodation, with half board) and trips to Tarragona, Delta del Ebro and Morella, with optional entrances etc. Approximate cost € 190 (depending on numbers), single supplement € 60. Expressions of interest as above. **Organiser: John Price**

Tuesday 4th May : Salamanca & Avila

A 4 day trip to visit the 2 cities. Price will include coach and half board in 4* hotels. Names today please, with deposits required at the February meeting. **Organiser: Diane Ord.**

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

The Travel Team are on hand to collect money and names for trips between 10.00 a.m.-10.55 a.m. on the morning of the general meetings in the Parador Hotel. The travel room is located just beyond the gift shop on the right hand side, opposite Reception. If you cannot attend the Parador you can contact any travel organiser via the website, or use our new MAIL BOX service in Javea Port. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME on our day excursions, trips, and special events. So are your ideas for any future excursions - come and talk to us: **Angela, Mike, Pat, John & Diane.**

DISCLAIMER

Please note that, at times, it is necessary for the U3A to make deposits with travel agents for future trips, and whilst we do not anticipate any such problems, in the event of a travel agent or hotelier becoming bankrupt, Javea U3A would not be in a position to refund any losses that might occur. We strongly recommend that you ensure that your own personal travel insurance provides cover for any such losses. If you are unable to use a trip which you have already paid for you should inform the appropriate Travel Organiser, who will try and find a replacement from the reserve list. Where this is possible, the Travel Organiser should be able to give you a full or partial refund (depending on the nature of the trip). If there is no waiting list, then a refund would not be possible, as this may prejudice other members booked on the trip. We have a clearly defined policy whereby non-members are only permitted after all else has been exhausted, and the non-member may be expected to pay a small additional supplement. We do not allow non-member substitutions as it is unfair to our members. **Angela Chantry**

FOR SALE, RECYCLE OR WANTED: At the Parador meeting we will have a board for you to advertise items you wish to SELL, RECYCLE (give away) or WANTED. To advertise your item please contact Jean at urecyclesale@yahoo.co.uk (email subject-U3A Javea notice board). Please make sure you put all the details about the item, and your contact number or email address. We will presume you have sold, recycled or found the item before the next meeting, so if you wish the same advert to go on the board again make sure you contact Jean and ask for the advert to be resubmitted.

BOOK SWAP & AUDIO BOOK SWAP. Make sure you have enough to read over the next two Months. Brenda will be pleased to see you at the Parador meeting in the foyer. Remember to bring along your books or audio books, there is a small charge of 50c if you have no book to swap, this money will go towards the U3A chosen charity.

DVD SWAP at the Parador meeting - This only works if you remember to bring your DVD's along, so don't forget Pat will be pleased to see you at the DVD Swap table in the foyer.

A collection box for used **Postage Stamps** will be by the DVD and Book swap table. These stamps will be given to the Royal British Legion for their support fund, so please remember to bring Books, DVDs and now stamps as well to future meetings.

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE: JAVEA

Minutes of the October monthly meeting
Venue: The Parador
Wednesday, 28th October 2009

PRESENT:	President	Shirley King
	Vice President (acting)	Paul Wessendorff
	Treasurer	Marie Smith
	Deputy Treasurer	Mick Cox
	Membership Secretary	Wilma Stevenson
	Dep. Memb. Secretary	Karen White
	Dep. Secretary	Sue Bentley
	Groups Coordinator	Elizabeth Collins
	Dep. Groups Coordinator	Jean Miller
	Webmaster	Sam Wells

APOLOGIES: Secretary: Jeni Oldfield

Shirley opened the meeting at 11.07am and welcomed members. She thanked Clive and Karen White for putting together the *booklet on Health Walks*, which can be bought for €5, with profits going to charity. Shirley also thanked Barbara Craven and her helpers from the *Foodies group* for providing taster samples to members today. She announced *today's speaker*, Michael Bulleid, a previous speaker, who had been very entertaining. On the subject of *speakers*, Shirley said she wanted to have a moan at the large numbers of members who had left, and often noisily, before last month's speaker began her talk. She reminded members that the meeting lasted one and a half hours, and anyone who had to leave early, should sit at the back and slip out quietly before the speaker began at 12pm. Shirley re-iterated the problem of *current Committee vacancies*, saying no-one had come forward to replace Elizabeth as *Groups' Co-ordinator* – a key role now that we had 60 groups operating. Shirley pointed out that the role had now been subdivided to make things more manageable, and anyone interested should speak to Elizabeth for more information. She noted, that despite a membership of over 1000, there were still many who failed to contribute to the Association. There were 50 Group Leaders and 11 Committee members, with some individuals carrying out more than one role. She

appealed to members to contribute, saying that Elizabeth, for personal reasons, will be standing down at the end of November.

The *minutes of the last Parador meeting* were proposed by Jean Miller, and seconded by Joanne O'Keefe.

Paul mentioned 2 main items:-

1. The *committee structure*, which needs to be re-drafted, will be finalised over the next few weeks, and proposals for a final version will be on display at the January meeting, and will be presented at the AGM for ratification.
2. A first re-draft of the *Statutes* has been undertaken. The purpose is to reflect what goes on in the U3A currently, and to ensure that any changes made are in compliance with the law in Spain. A finalised draft should be available for display in January, and will be presented at the AGM for ratification.

Paul noted that the *Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir* will be occupying the "speaker slot" at the November meeting, followed by some fun things with a Christmas theme.

Shirley thanked Paul for holding the reins over the past few weeks.

Marie noted there was *an available balance of funds* of €14,165.29. At the end of September, there was an overspend of €525, as per the previous month. However, our income against that planned, had shot up because of the increase in membership. (The original plan had been based on a membership of around 6/700 members). Thus, at the end of September, there was a profit of approximately €4000, although some will be called on this month.

Marie also reminded members of the *February Ball*, saying that because of fewer meetings coming up, and the fact that tickets will be made available to other local U3As in due course, it was not too early for members to be thinking about it.

Wilma reported that 19 *new members* had come along to join today. Our *total membership* was now 1022, comprising 727 Full members and 295 Associate members. A meeting for Associates will be held on 10th November. Some Committee members and Group leaders will be present. Wilma estimated that it currently takes about 2 years for an Associate member to become a Full member. She noted that the discussions on the *possibility of capping membership* will be taking place, and presented at the November meeting at the Parador on 25th November.

Elizabeth made the following points:-

1. The *Tuesday lectures* got off to a very interesting start with the talk by Ceda Panajotovic on the History of Art. There is plenty of space available for more people to attend. Next month Christine Ord will give an introduction to the Solar System.
2. Gill Birch now feels able to resume the *Discussion Group*. The next meeting is on Friday, 6th November at 4.00pm. The group will discuss the difference between intelligence and wisdom.
3. Bobby Ogden has reported small numbers in the *Gentle Aerobics* classes. More members are needed, so please contact her if interested.
4. Details of all activities are on the website. Venues may need to be checked following the closing down of the Artisano bar, on the Arenal.
5. Please note that the correct date for the next *Quiz Night* should read Thursday, 3rd November.
6. There is a need for a doctor or trained First Aider to give *sessions on First Aid* now Dr Bob is no longer available.
7. Thanks were given to the *Foodies group* – Barbara and her group had been very generous in providing "nibbles" and information.
8. Members were reminded of the existence of the *Suggestion Box* eg. any views on capping membership numbers would be very welcome.
9. Two people had offered their help to the *Group Co-ordination team*. They were Krystyna Stefanczyk and Jenny Wessendorff. Roles were to be decided but it seemed likely that Jenny would help out on the admin side and both would help with the organisation of the Open Meetings. Someone was still needed for the Group Co-ordinator role.

Sam reported that the website was almost completely up to date, and now included the photos that had been taken at the June Open Meeting. He said he was in the process of writing a Guide to the website and this will be sent out to all members over the next 2/3 weeks. He reminded members that there was an email address on the website that was for Suggestions from members. This address goes directly to Shirley.

Shirley thanked Sam for all his work concerning the website and a presentation gift of wine was made to him. Tom Miller was also thanked for taking photos of Committee members last month. These were displayed on the Notice board in the foyer outside.

Shirley then introduced the speaker, Michael Bulleid, who talked about the language used in the court room, and gave an explanation of sentencing and the terms used. Shirley thanked him for a very interesting talk.

Finally, members were asked to submit their views concerning the capping of membership numbers.

The meeting closed at 12.15 pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 25th November 2009 at 11.00am at the Parador, Javea.

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